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## COVID-19 Community Vaccination Funding Program

# Agenda

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3. General discussion of vaccination strategies
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5. Next Steps

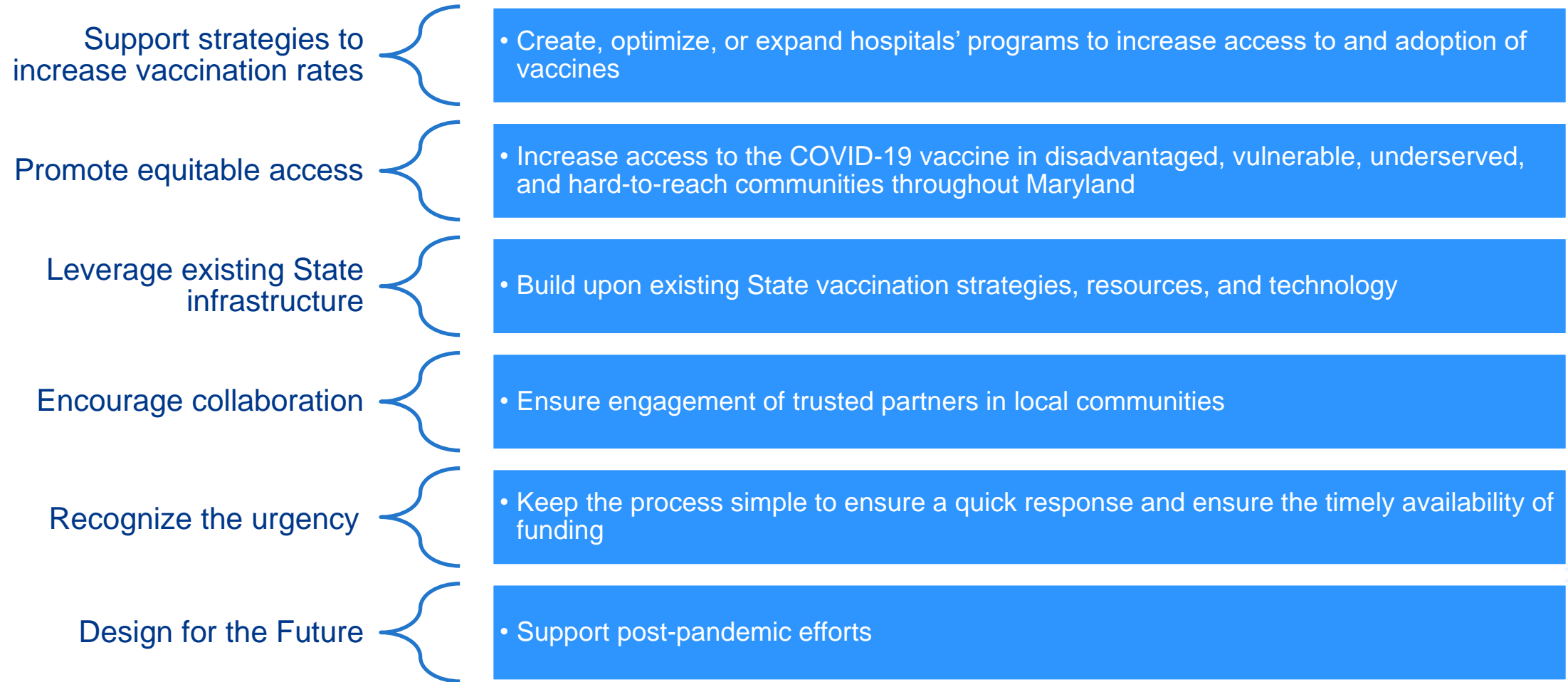
# Opening Comments

# Program Overview

# COVID-19 Community Vaccination Funding Program

- Maryland seeks to increase the statewide COVID-19 vaccination rate, particularly for underserved and vulnerable populations.
- Despite an unprecedented statewide effort to vaccinate all Marylanders, key challenges persist and threaten our ability to achieve community immunity.
  - Vaccine supply chain issues that prevent the State from meeting consumer demand
  - Vaccine registration processes that are difficult for consumers to navigate
  - Mass Vaccination Sites that are inaccessible for large portions of the State
  - Communities of color are disproportionately affected by these issues which exacerbates disparities
- To support the State's effort to increase vaccination rates, HSCRC is establishing a new "COVID-19 Community Vaccination Funding Program" that would run through the end of FY2022.
- The COVID-19 Community Vaccination Funding Program is intended to provide short-term funding to hospitals in order to allow for the optimization/expansion of their community-based vaccine dissemination strategies in areas with vaccine rates lower than the State average.

# Program Guiding Principles



# Funding Overview

- Fund the program with the remainder of the set aside funds that the Commission allowed in the FY21 update factor (\$12M).
  - Amended rate orders would be issued for FY 2021 immediately or with the FY 22 July rate orders depending on timing of awards.
- Any acute care hospital that is under HSCRC rate-setting authority will be eligible to apply.
  - A single hospital may apply, or multiple hospitals may jointly apply under a single application.
- Hospitals were encouraged to establish partnerships with local health departments, non-profits, faith-based entities and/or other community-based organizations.
- Hospitals volunteered for zip codes that have been identified by the Vaccination Equity Task Force (VETF) or in collaboration with Local Health Departments using CRISP data as disadvantaged, underserved, vulnerable, and/or hard-to-reach areas.



# Impact Measurement & Reporting

- Hospitals participating in the funding program will be required to provide data on their vaccination activities through ImmunNet, CRISP, and/or other HSCRC reporting.
- Data will be collected on the following:
  - Type of vaccination events
  - # of vaccination events
  - Total # of patients vaccinated (1st dose, 2nd dose, single dose)
  - # of patients vaccinated by Race/Ethnicity/Age/Gender Identity/Zip
- Impact of the funding program will be measured based on the following areas that will be tracked:
  - # of Vaccines Applied during reporting period
  - Vaccination Rate by zip code (comparison to pre-program baseline)
  - Vaccination Rate by race, ethnicity, age (comparison to pre-program baseline)



# Awardees

- The HSCRC has awarded \$12 million to 12 hospital systems in Maryland to expand hospitals' existing mobile and community-based vaccination programs and improve existing programs.
  - Atlantic General Hospital
  - Frederick Health
  - Greater Baltimore Medical Center
  - Holy Cross Hospital
  - Johns Hopkins Health System
  - LifeBridge Health and Ascension St. Agnes
  - Luminis Health
  - MedStar Health - Baltimore
  - MedStar Southern Maryland
  - Meritus Medical Center
  - University of Maryland Medical System

# Hospital Community Vaccination Strategies

# Vaccine Supply

# Next Steps